state the steps Government propose to take to ban those 27 institutions which are not legally empowered to award degrees to maintain the standard of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): As and when the existence of self-styled universities comes to the notice of UGC, the Commission has been issuing notices to such institutions to disassociate the word University/Viswavidyaya/Vishwavidyapith against their name and stop awarding degrees in terms of the UGC Act. The Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Chairman, UGC have written to Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs bringing to their notice the existence of such self-styled Universities and requesting them to take appropriate action against such institutions. UGC has also set up a Committee to consider the question of proliferation of such fake universities in the country and suggest ways and means to check this growth, and also suggest amendments in the UGC Act to increase the penalty for violation of the provisions of the UGC Act in this regard.

Fourth Pay Commission's recommendation for Under Secretaries

3139. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendation of the Fourth Central Pay Commission to the effect that the pay of Under Secretary on promotion as Deputy Secretary be fixed by allowing a minimum benefit of Rs. 250/- has not so far been accepted;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is the only recommendation of the Fourth Central Pay Commission which remains unaccepted by Government, whereas many recommendations of the Commission have been improve upon;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said recommendation is still under Government's consideration and the case has again been referred to Government for accepting the same; and

(c) No, Sir.

(d) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The recommendation has not been accepted.

(b) No, Sir. There are a few other recommendations which have not been accepted by the Govt. Some recommendations have also been improved upon.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of common tecting laboratories for testing electronic equipment for export

3140. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need for setting up common testing laboratories for electronic equipment and accessories to maintain strict adherence to quality exports by export oriented units;

(b) if so, whether several Electronic Units in the country are manufacturing inferior quality goods and are exporting them;

(c) if so, what is Governments reaction thereto; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to keep a control on electronic equipment manufacturing units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Realising the need for